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end of each chapter add to the value of the reprint. For the purpose of the general reader this little book is perhaps better than the more elaborate history by Professor Edward Jenks, though the student desiring a more complete treatment of the subject will continue to resort to the latter work.

Maitland's part of this book, like everything he ever wrote, is admirable. He is the Goldsmith of legal writers; he touched nothing which he did not adorn. How "Equity saved the common law," how "the Court of Star Chamber saved the Constitution," how English law reconciled "permanence with progress," is told in these pages as no one except Maitland could tell the story.

The portion of the book by Professor Montague dealing with the development of the law from the reign of Charles I onward seems to be written under the consciousness of the limitations of space imposed upon the writer by the nature of the contribution. If a criticism were to be made, it would be that the author follows too closely the statute book. No attempt is made to picture modern law in its connection with the social, economic and intellectual forces of the period. A history of modern English law without reference to Bentham or Mansfield, Hardwicke or Eldon is like the play of Hamlet with Hamlet left out. A brief history of our law which shall take cognizance of dominant personalities and ideas is a book to be desired.

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MODERN AMERICAN LAW. A COMMENTARY ON THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN LAW AND PROCEDURE, ACCOMPANIED BY LEADING ILLUSTRATIVE CASES. Prepared under the editorial supervision of Eugene Allen Gilmore, A. B., LL. D. Blackstone Institute, 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. 1915. Vol. XII, pp. xxxiii, 910; vol. XIII, pp. xxix, 797; vol. XIV, pp. xxvi, 819; vol. XV, pp. xxxiv, 825, completing the set of fifteen volumes. \$60.00 per set.

This series, prepared for the Blackstone Institute, the first ten volumes of which were reviewed in 3 California Law Review 353, has now been completed by the publication of the remaining five volumes. The high typographical standard is maintained, and these five volumes will probably be of greater interest to members of the bar, taking up as they do subjects less familiar. Conflict of Laws is treated in a scholarly article of one hundred twelve pages by Professor George L. Clark of the University of Missouri. The articles on Patents, Copyright, Trade Marks and Unfair Competition give the general principles unembarrassed by the encyclopedic necessity of covering all the details and citing every authority. They should prove useful to the lawyer desiring a foundation of principle in working up a case in any one of these important practical subjects.

One of the most interesting volumes is the last, an edition of

Blackstone edited, rearranged and abridged by Professor Ballantine, formerly of the University of California. The juxtaposition of the easily flowing style and conventional philosophy of Blackstone with the brief nervous expression and the severely rational and scientific method of Professor Ballantine produces a peculiar feeling of incongruity, like combining a medieval cathedral with a modern office building. This rewritten Blackstone supplies a need of the twentieth century no better than Blackstone would have supplied the eighteenth had he edited Bracton or Hale instead of writing a book on the law of his own time. A perusal of this volume will it is believed, leave many readers unconvinced that the work fulfills the function claimed for it by its publishers,—a scientific introduction to the common law system as proposed by Dr. Redlich in his report to the Carnegie foundation.

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Books Received

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AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION. By Henry B. Hemenway. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind. pp. ix, 283. \$1.25 net.

CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS. TREATISE. ANNOTATED CORPORATION LAWS. FORMS. By Fabius M. Clarke. Bender-Moss Company, 11 City Hall Ave., San Francisco, Cal. 1916. pp. xxxix, 916. \$7.50 net.